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UM OFFERS TELECONFERENCE ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND HUNTING

MISSOULA --

Leading experts on both sides of the hunting/anti-hunting controversy will be featured in a national teleconference sponsored by The University of Montana's Public Policy Research Institute Tuesday, April 7.

The teleconference, "Wildlife Conservation and the Hunting Tradition," will originate from the UM campus and Comsat Corporation's studios in Washington, D.C. It will air live, with one-way video and two-way audio, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mountain time.

Topics to be discussed include the history of hunting; the current status of major game species; the economic impacts of hunting; animal welfare and animal rights; hunters' rights, privileges and responsibilities; and hunting ethics.

The conference moderator will be former astronaut Jack Lousma, president of the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network. Panelists will include Raymond Dasmann, professor emeritus of environmental studies at the University of California at Santa Cruz; James "Red" Duke, clinical sciences professor at the University of Texas Medical School and past president of the Boone and Crockett Club; biologist and former Alaska Governor Jay Hammond; Laurence Jahn, past chairman of the United Conservation Alliance; Winona LaDuke, director of the Anishinabeg (Chippewa) White Earth Land Recovery Project and board member of Greenpeace USA; Wayne Pacelle, national director of the Fund for Animals; UM wildlife ecology

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Associate Professor Daniel Pletscher; James Posewitz, wildlife management specialist for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; and Rev. Theodore Vitali, ethicist and chairman of the St. Louis University philosophy department.

Lawmakers and officials who will join the discussion from ComSat's Washington, D.C., studios will be Senator Max Baucus, D-Mont.; Senator Alan Simpson, R-Wyo.; Representative William Green, R-N.Y.; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director John Turner; and National Wildlife Federation President Jay Hair.

To learn of teleconference sites in your area or for further information, contact Public Policy Research Institute Director Jeffrey Gritzner at (406) 243-5626.

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